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Tallahassee-St. Maarten Foundation

"Making a Difference through Partnership"

Dear Mr. Ken Morris

As per my conversation with your department and commissioners at the county about they having a meeting session with the St. Maarten Commissioner and Head of Government Sarah Wescott-Williams at the County and also about having a reception on your Second floor of the LCTDC office building combined with the Capital City Chamber and Industry. I hope you have been conveyed the information on the ongoing relationship with St. Maarten and the role your department has played for the past 10yrs. Commissioner Proctor not only has been to St. Maarten several times, but has supported our presence in Tallahassee unconditionally.

I have spoken to Mr. Terence Hinson at the capital chamber reception about the head of St. Maarten government Mrs. Sarah Wescott-Williams visit to Tallahassee this month. I would also like to thank you all for extending support to assist in making the Commissioner's trips a memorable one. Mr. Stephen Knight, Mr. Ben Harris and I are grateful.

The Chamber will play a role in her visit here, as it commemorates the 10th Anniversary of the Tallahassee-St. Maarten Partnership, which Mr. Terence Hinson has been involved with since its interception, he has also visited St. Maarten on many occasions, we are also looking to arrange a trade mission to St. Maarten the end of April and would look forward to the Chambers for its full support.

The St. Maarten Commissioner is looking forward to the opportunity of Socio-Economic Development as part of our Partnership to also compliment the success we are having with the on going Education program with FSU-FAMU and TCC were we presently have over 60 students attending.

I look forward to the Chamber and Leon County Tourist Development Council arranging a Tallahassee style reception for the Head of St. Maarten Government, please advise accordingly we hope you will be able to contribute financially, we look forward to invite about 50 persons. Your department has always lead the way to show the special Tallahassee welcome, which has been appreciated in the past, we are looking to link the St. Maarten Tourism dept. and your Tourism office to establish a travel package reciprocal to the partnership.

I would appreciate a time on Feb. 18-19 or 20th so that I can place your spot on the Itinerary for the reception.

I promised info on our head of government view attachment:

We have been working towards St. Maarten playing a role towards the integration of the Caribbean in the USA Trade and Tourism programs for 2009.

Sincerely
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